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"PRISONER OF THE WIZARD",





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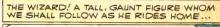
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THE TREASURE

TOMMY'S scrawny yellow pup was a wishing dog. He told that to his parents the very first day the scraggly-haired hound turned up at the back door.

"Now, you're not going to take that little animal into this house," warned Mr. Miller. "He doesn't look very strong to me, and you know what the doctor said, Tommy, about your being careful after this long winter's illness."

Tommy's face was thin and pale, but the sight of the forlorn puppy brought a pink glow to his cheeks. Why, the puppy looked as if he understood what it was to be sick and lonely. Tommy was much better these days, but his parents had moved to a warm climate hoping that would speed his recovery. He didn't have the chance to make friends and play actively with the other children in the neighborhood. The pup's little eyes looking up at him seemed to offer a promise of companionship that Tommy was so eager to find.

"I'll give him a bath," promised Tom anxiously. Then, as his mother came out into the yard to see what was going on there, he appealed to her. "I'll lie outside for my sunbaths without ever moving a muscle or complaining. I can pull up a chair for Wish to make him comfortable in the shade. Please, can't he stay with us?"

"Wish?" asked his mother curiously, "What do you mean by that?"

Tommy looked seriously into the moist brown eyes of the dog. "He's a wishing dog, that's what I mean. Can't you tell? I can. Honest! Just take a good, long look and you'll see what I mean."

His parents exchanged knowing glances. Tommy, during his long days of confinement may not have been able to exercise his legs, but he had given his imagination a thorough workout.

The doctor assured them that it was a good thing for Tommy that he was able to amuse himself. They had learned to humor him and play along with his games of make-believe, although Mr. Miller suspected very strongly that Tommy was shrewd enough to make capital of this technique in order to convince them that the dog should stay.

Mr. Miller stared down at the dog skeptically. He couldn't remember when he had seen a more shaggy looking animal.

"I'll tell you what, Tom. If it's a dog you want, I'll take you down to the kennels and we'll pick one out."

He was sure that his son would leap at the offer, but Tommy shook his head.

"Wish wants to live here with me," he said, "Maybe not forever because there are lots of people and places he has to visit. When he leaves we'll go to the kennels and get the dog you mention."

"All right, all right," Mr. Miller agreed, "but don't over-do this 'Wish' business. The dog can stay for a while if that's what you really want. First thing, let's get him cleaned off, and I'll check with the dog pound about the regulations on

picking up his license if no one claims him."

"Don't worry, Tom," assured his mother with a smile as she bent over the pup to take him into the utility room for a good scrubbing. "No one will turn up for Wish. He doesn't look as if he had a friend in the world."

"Excepting me," replied Tommy proudly.

After his bath, Wish frolicked on the lawn with Tom. He was much improved for the tubbing, but he was hardly what you could call beautiful.

"I don't think I've ever seen anything as ugly as that dog," confessed Mrs. Miller to her husband, "but Tom's heart is set on helping the poor thing."

"I'd like it a lot better if Tommy got a stronger foothold on reality and stopped dreaming up his fanciful tales," said Mr. Miller. Just then, Tom came running over to him with Wish rapidly following at his heels.

"Why, Tommy is acting like a new person already," Mrs. Miller pointed out. "He hasn't shown that much spirit in months."

"Now that Wish is counting on staying here for a while, he says we can ask for the one thing we really want and it will come true," Tommy announced.

"Tommy, I thought I told you that I didn't want to hear any more of that nonsense," said his father sternly.

A hurt expression came over Tommy's face, and his mother











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"That's up to you," said Tommy.

"A million dollars," said his father. "I wish that your mother and I owned a million, and you better bet Wish to study the stock market quotations every morning before breakfast or I'll cut off his supply of dog biscuits."

Mrs. Miller laughed, "Very well then, that's our wish. What about you, Tommy?"

"That's a secret," said Tom, his eyes dancing merrily. "I'll tell you someday, but I'd like to keep it as a surprise."

The days ahead were anxious ones for Tommy until his father finally drove Wish home from the quarantine station.

"He's a healthy dog, and it's perfectly legal for you to keep him," announced Mr. Miller.

Tommy's parents watched the change in their young son with joy and wonder. For the first time since they had moved there, the children from down the street came over to play and invite Tom to join their games. Mrs. Miller restricted his activities at first, but the physical change in Tommy along with his new, healthy appetite startled her. She took Tom for a checkup, and the doctor pronounced him to be completely normal and amazingly robust. "If he didn't have these wild

flights of imagination, everything would be perfect," said

"Well, we can't expect too much," cautioned the doctor. "He'll settle down in time."

"I guess so," she sighed. "But just the other day for example, I was cleaning out the workbench in the garage when I came across a small metal box. It was locked, but when \shook

it, it rattled. I thought it was marbles, but Tommy came along and of all the things to say, he announced that he was saving the dog's baby teeth which would produce a fortune in diamonds any day now."

The doctor laughed heartily. "Isn't it wonderful that a child's mind can accept the impossible. Now, after all, Mrs. Miller, his newfound health is a miracle. I don't see why you shouldn't be prepared to find a fistful of diamonds at that."

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Their amusement at the little joke was interrupted when Tom appeared in the doorway dressed



and sparkling eyes gave him the appearance of a different boy.

"You're right at that," said

"You're right at that," said Mrs. Miller. "I wouldn't have believed that Tom could ever look this way in so short a time."

When they returned home, Mrs. Miller realized that something was different. Usually, Wish darted out to greet them, but for some reason he wasn't there, and they walked toward the house in silence.

"That's funny," said Mrs. Miller finally. She was worried, but her greatest concern was for Tom and how he might react to finding Wish gone. "I wonder where Wish is? Well, he'll be back, I guess, any minute now."

"No, he won't," announced Tommy. "Don't look so downhearted, Mom. I told you that he wouldn't stay with us forever. He had to get going. You see, the wishes are all taken care of. I'll show you."

Tommy ran off and returned quickly with the small metal box. He opened it for his mother to see, and a dazzling glitter of light made a crystal rainbow among the beautiful prisms of jewels.

Then, Mr. Miller walked into

"What's this?" he gasped. "A million dollars worth, no less!"

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"And what did you wish for, Tom?" asked his father carefully.

Tom grinned. "I wished for good health and friends and all the marvelous days I enjoy now. After being sick so long, it's the most wonderful feeling in the world to be well and strong again."

"You know something, Tom," said his father, holding the sparkling jewels in his hand regretfully, "Your wish was worth more than a million."

Suddenly, Mrs. Miller laughed.

"I was just thinking," she explained, "that probably at this very moment that funny-looking dog is parked at someone's doorstep after rolling in a coal heap and getting himself all dirty again. I wonder who'll take him in this time?"

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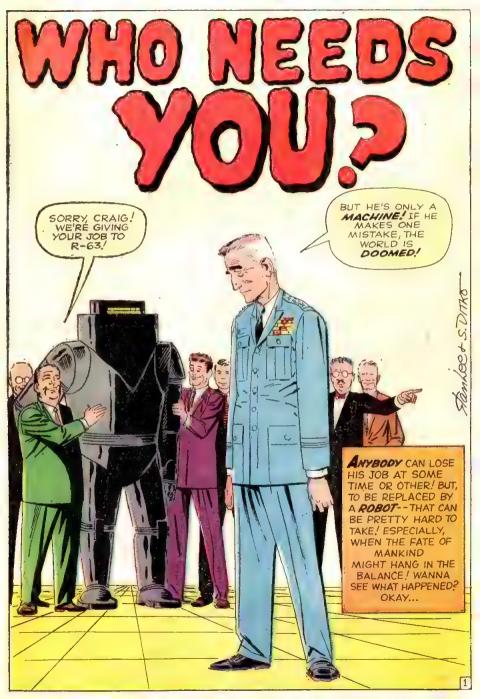
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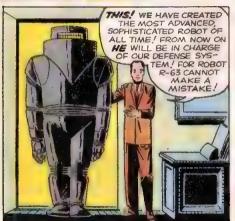
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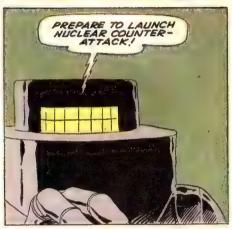


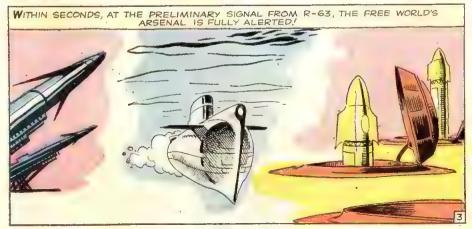




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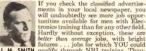
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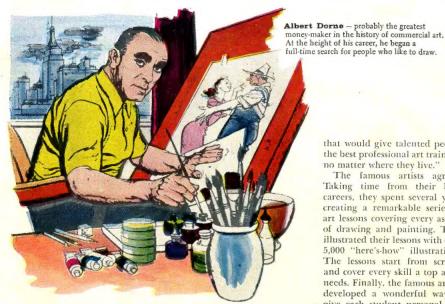


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He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Busketta is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists -men like Norman Røckwell, Jon Whitcomb. Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need-including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school-a home-study art school

America's 12 Most Famous Artists

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